

A *Family* CHRISTMAS SPECIAL!

**DENNIS MENACE**

1988  
\$2.99

PRESENTS

# Christmas Favorites

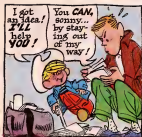


**A B**

?????

# UNCLE SAM'S NEPHEW Dennis





I don't have any Aunt Agatha, do you?

No! And do we know anybody named Wiznefski?



Honest, Millie! I don't know WHO would send me a card signed "Love, Lucille!"

Are you sure?



HERE'S the trouble! These cards are for the Wilsons... these are for the Mitchells...

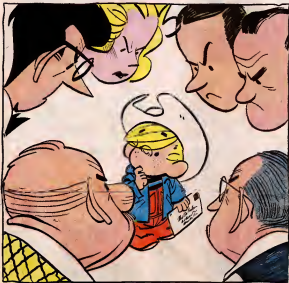


It's that Dennis!

These cards I've opened... they're for other people on the block!



WHERE IS THAT KID?



All right, Dennis... what have you got to say for yourself?

Er... what's going on folks?



Was this **YOUR** idea? Dennis got all the mail on the block mixed up!

But... but he said he **KNEW** everybody!

He **DOES**... but he can't **READ**!

Why didn't you **SAY** so!

Why didn't you **ASK** me?

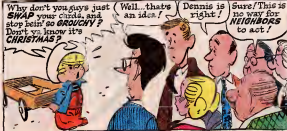


Why don't you guys just **SWAP** your chuds, and stop bein' so **GROUCHY**? Don't ya know it's **CHRISTMAS**?

Well... that's an idea!

Dennis is right!

Sure! This is **no way** for **NEIGHBORS** to act!





These are for you, Bob.

How *IS* your Aunt Agatha?

Fine, thanks.

Oh, good! It's from my daughter, Lucille!

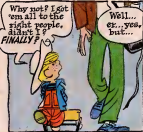
That's more like it, huh?

Yeah! Phew!



Okay... gimme some more mail to deliver!

Uh... I guess not, Dennis.



Why not? I got 'em all to the right people, didn't I? **FINALLY!**

Well... er... yes, but...



But I won't **NEED** you to help me any more! I've **MET** all these people now, see?

Well... yeah!



And I've met **YOU!** Brother!

# WISHBONE THINKING





I won the wish, didn't I? I get to go to the North Pole, don't I?



What's it like at the North Pole, Mom?

Well, there's snow everywhere. The Eskimos dress in furs, and ride in dog sleds...



...they live in houses made of snow and go fishing and hunting....



...and the polar bears are pure white, and at night the Northern Lights go on...



But it's *THOUSANDS* of miles from here, so I think you'd better go *AFTER* Christmas!





You heard my wish, huh, Santa?

Of course, of course!



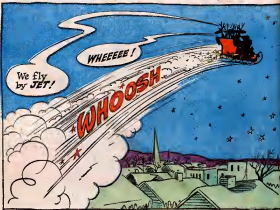
Oh, I just use them for door-to-door deliveries.

What are you doin' with the reindeer, Santa?



You didn't really believe reindeer can FLY, did you ?

Well...I always wondered 'bout that !



WHEEEEE !

We Fly by JET !

★ WHOOSH ★

There are some Eskimos,  
in their furs, riding their  
dog sleds. And see their  
snow houses?

**SNOW** houses?  
Snow is **WHITE**...  
an' ya can't  
**PAINT** it!



This is **FLAVORED** snow,  
like frozen suckers!  
Some is orange...  
strawberry...Grape...

Boy! Houses  
ya can **EAT**!



And there are some polar bears ... see how white they are?

Yeah... how do they stay so **CLEAN**?



Easy! They go to a bear-wash!

Oh, sure!



And there are the Northern Lights you've heard about.

Yeah! What **MAKES** 'em?

Simple... see?

Uh... huh!

NORTHERN LIGHTS BY 2000 BY 2017

OUR SPECIALTY... SUPER-VIDEO OPENINGS!



Hello, men!  
How are they biting?



Fine, Santa!



And finally, there's the North Pole!

What?! Aw, you're kiddin', Santa!

It's just a  
great big  
TV aerial!

Of course!  
That's how I keep  
in touch with  
my helpers all  
over the world!

NP-TV

NORTH POLE TELEVISION CO.  
S. OLAGE, PREG.



Any messages for me?

Messages? Just 6, 284, 972! Where've you been, Chief?



Dennis wished for a ride up here, and...

Well, gosh, Chief, we're snowed under with wishes!



GET IT? SNOWED UNDER!

Hmm! Funny!

HO HO HA HA



Sorry, Dennis... you'll have to leave now.

But...but I don't know how to fly your sleigh!

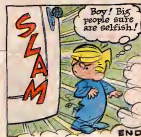
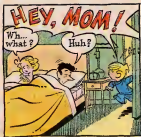


That's easy... we'll just WISH you back home!

Oh...yeah!



**SNAP!**

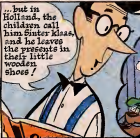




# THE SANTA-GO-ROUND



...but in Holland, the children call him Sinter Kees, and he leaves the presents in their little wooden shoes!



Huh! *THEY* don't hold much! Serves 'em right for bein' so early!



And in France, Santa's called Pere Noël, and when he comes around, the animals can **TALK!**



Merry Christmas!

Hi'ya!

Got a bone for me?



No foolin'?



In Norway and Denmark, Santa is a little man called Jule-nissen, and he rides on a **GOAT!**

Gee, he can't carry much on a **GOAT**, huh?



...and in Italy, Santa turns into a witch named Befana, and rides on a broomstick!

They must think it's Halloween over there!

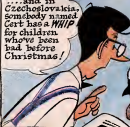


In Germany, for children who aren't good, there's a "Santa" called Pelznickle who *SPANKS* them!



Oh-oh!

...and in Czechoslovakia, somebody named Cert has a *WHIP* for children who've been bad before Christmas!



Gee!

Boy, I'm glad we live **HERE**, where Santa is just good ol' Santa.

Heh, heh.

Pretty interesting, eh... about Santa Claus in other countries?

Yeah, but....

Something you don't understand?

Uh-huh.

**WHEN'S HE  
COMIN'  
HERE?**

END

# Dennis



## The little **ANGEL??**

Now are we  
gonna go home  
an' **OPEN**  
these presents?

Now we're going home  
to wrap and **MAIL**  
them.



Henry... let's stop by the  
church and see how  
they're coming with  
the Nativity scene.

Okay...  
good idea!

**WHAT** are  
we gonna  
do?



The Nativity scene.  
They'll have the  
Three Wise Men, and  
the shepherds, and...

## IT'S A CIRCUS!













Let that cow alone!



I'm **RASSLIN'** this steer, pardner!



**BAAAA!**

**BAAA** to you, too!



**HEY, MISTER!**  
**YOUR COAT'S DRAGGIN'!**

WHAAA?



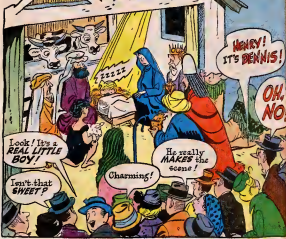
**SANTA CLAUS** is sposed to have **WHITE** whiskers, Mister!

I'm not supposed to **BE** Santa Claus... I'm supposed to be **JOSEPH!**





...AND THEY FOUND MARY AND JOSEPH...AND THE BABE LYING IN A MANGER....







# NO CHRISTMAS ?!?!?



We're not **HAVING** Christmas at home, Dennis.

**NO CHRISTMAS?!**



See whizz! I haven't been **THAT** bad!



Shall we tell him the **NEWS**?

Dont tell **ME** no news! I got enough **BAD** news already!



We're going to **GRAMP'S**... in Bethlehem... for Christmas!

**GRAMP'S** ?!!



**YAHOO!**



Oh --- where's **BETHLEHEM**?





Does Grampa live in *O Little Town Of Bethlehem*--like in the *CHRISTMAS SONG*?

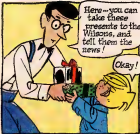
No, but it was *NAMED* after that one.



*THE* Bethlehem is in *PENNSYLVANIA*.

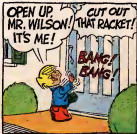
Where's *THAT*?

You'll find out soon. Come on --we have a lot to do!



Here--you can take these presents to the Wilsons, and tell them the news!

Okay!



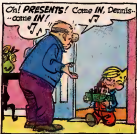
OPEN UP, MR. WILSON!  
IT'S ME!

CUT OUT THAT RACKET!

*BANG!*  
*BANG!*



NOW, WHAT DO YOU WANT?



Oh! PRESENTS! Come IN, Dennis--  
--come IN!

Thanks, Dennis ...  
but aren't you kind  
of **EARLY**  
with ....

Where's  
**OURS** ?



Oh...you just wanted to  
be sure of **YOURS**, eh ?

We gotta **SWAP**  
don't we ?



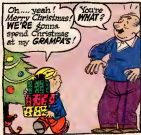
**LUCKILY** we have yours  
**WRAPPED! HERE!**

Thanks,  
Mr. Wilson!



Oh.... yeah !  
Merry Christmas!  
**WE'RE** gonna  
spend Christmas  
at my **GRAMPA'S**!

You're  
**WHAT** ?

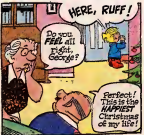
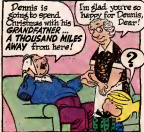


**OH, GREAT!**  
**WONDERFUL!**  
**THANK GOODNESS!**  
**PERFECT!**

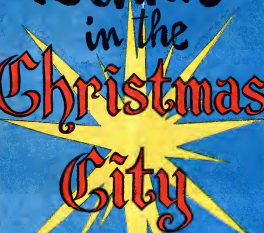
What on  
earth... ?

I guess here **HAPPY**  
'cause **CHRISTMAS**  
is comin' !





Dennis  
in the  
Christmas  
City



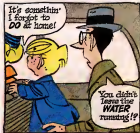
BETHLEHEM  
PENNSYLVANIA



Your mother will **ALWAYS** be my little baby girl, Dennis!

**MOM ... a LITTLE BABY?**  
Boy, you better get **GLASSES**,  
Grampa!

Now,  
Dennis!





Take a look at **THIS**, Dennis.  
There are **200** trees there!

WHAT?!



Now I **KNOW**  
you need glasses,  
Grampa!

What do you  
mean?



There's just  
**ONE** big  
tree there!

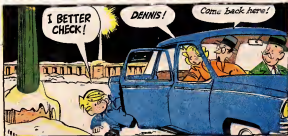
Ho, ho! I meant there  
are **200** trees put  
together to  
make that  
one big  
tree!



I **BETTER**  
**CHECK!**

**DENNIS!**

*Come back here!*



Grampa's *RIGHT!* This is full of *LOTS* little trees!

Come right down here before I--!

Settle down and look at this, Dennis. It's a picture of the first house in Bethlehem. Have your Dad read it to you.

Obeey! A log cabin!

FIRST HOUSE IN BETHLEHEM.

ON CHRISTMAS EVE OF 174, A SMALL GROUP OF NORWEGIANS -- RELIGIOUS REFUGEES FROM EUROPE -- GATHERED IN THIS LOG HOUSE IN PENNSYLVANIA. THEIR ANIMALS WERE ALSO SHELTERED IN THE BUILDING.


AS THEY PRAYED AND SANG, IT OCCURRED TO THEM THAT THIS WAS VERY MUCH LIKE THE FIRST CHRISTMAS EVE, AND SO THEY DECIDED TO CALL THIS PLACE BETHLEHEM.

And that's why we call this the Christmas City, Dennis. Remember the story of how the Wise Men followed a *STAR* to Bethlehem?

Well -- take a look out the back window.

Huh?

**HOLY SMOKES!**



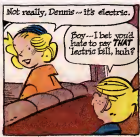
LOOK! A **BIG STAR** fell  
outta the **SKY** an' it's  
sittin' on top of that  
**MOUNTAIN!**

Ho, ho!



That's **OUR** star  
of Bethlehem,  
Dennis... just like  
in the Christmas  
story!

Ya mean it's a  
**REAL STAR?**



Not really, Dennis -- it's electric.

Boy... I bet you'd  
hate to pay **THAT**  
electric bill, huh?



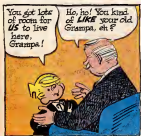
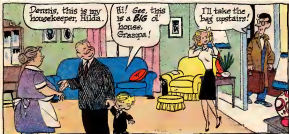
And here's the  
church where  
we'll go to the  
Christmas Eve  
Children's Love  
Feast, Dennis.

What's  
**THAT**,  
Grampa?



That's a service  
where they  
serve **CHOCOLATE**  
**MILK** and  
**COOKIES!**

In **CHURCH?**!  
Gee, Grampa--  
I don't know  
**WHEN** to  
believe ya!



TWAS THE DAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS  
AND (AFTER A SEARCH)  
THE MITCHELLS FOUND DENNIS  
AND TOOK HIM TO CHURCH...



The Indians were here  
**HUNDREDS OF YEARS** ago!

Oh!  
Phew!

Hey! **THAT'S** a  
funny place for  
a **BAND** to  
play... up on  
top of the  
church!



That's the  
trombone choir,  
announcing  
the service...  
we'd better  
**HURRY!**

Okay!  
I'll  
**RACE**  
ya!

Where does he  
get all that  
**ENERGY?**

From **US**...  
that's why we  
haven't any  
**LEFT!**

Let's sit way down **FRONT!** There's **LOTS** room!

That's for the children's choir, Dennis. We'll sit here.

Say! How'd they get that **GREAT BIG STAR** up there. Grampa?

Oh--**THAT'S** an interesting story!



They bring in a **FIRE TRUCK**, and run up a high ladder, and a **FIREMAN** hangs the star from the ceiling!

See! No fibbin'?



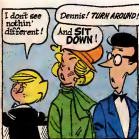
Grampa used to tell me that story when I was a **LITTLE GIRL** ...and I **BELIEVED** him!

You mean he was **FIBBIN'**?

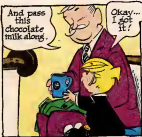
No... just **TEASING** you. There's a big **TRAP DOOR** in the ceiling - see? They lower the star down through that.

Aw! You had to spoil all the **FUN!**









How many people you spouse are in church, Grampa?



Oh... almost a thousand, I guess.

Boy! That minister must have a GREAT BIG COOKIE JAR, huh?



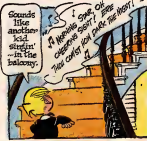
Oh, tremendous!

Mom! I gotta... 'bess... 'bess... 'bess...

NOW? You mean you HAVE to... now?



There's one downstairs, Dennis. An usher will show you.



Sounds like another 'old string'... in the balcony.

A MARRIAGE SONG, OK  
CHECKING SEAT!  
YOU COULD NOT SPARK THE NIGHT!

MORNING STAR, THY GLORY  
BRIGHT FAR EXCEEDS  
THE SUN'S CLEAR LIGHT... ♪

Ho! I can sing  
as good as  
**THAT!**

Oh? Let's see  
you try it.



Uh...



Hm!



Can't read *MUSIC*, eh?

No... **THAT'S**  
it!

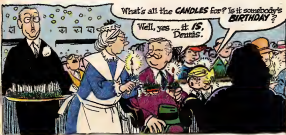


Or *WORDS*,  
either!

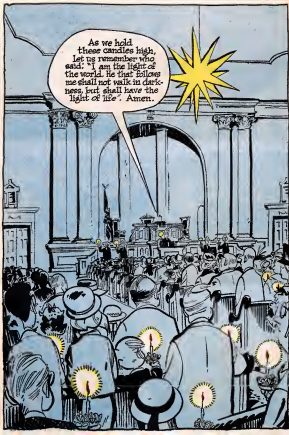


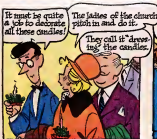


See, is this church **ADOR**, Seamus?  
Is that why they're savin' **LECTRICITY**?



As we hold  
these candles high,  
let us remember who  
said: "I am the light of  
the world. He that follows  
me shall not walk in dark-  
ness, but shall have the  
light of life". Amen.





THE STAR OVER BETHLEHEM  
SHONE THROUGH THE NIGHT  
ON DENNIS, AND THEN  
BY THE DAWN'S EARLY LIGHT...









Well, I'm not going out in the **COLD** to get your **STUPID DOG** in here!



Er.....  
George

You don't **HAVE** to go out to get Ruff....



**DARNED RIGHT** I don't have to!

I mean... how in **ALREADY!**



**WHAAAAA?**

**ROWF!**

You let that **DIRTY MUTT** sleep in **YOUR BED?** In **MY SHIRT?**



Yes **NOT** dirty! I've bathed him **EVERY DAY** we've had him! And I **COULDN'T** leave him out in that cold garage!

Dogs don't **MIND** the cold! They have **FUR COATS** to keep them warm!



Oh, yes! Well, that's more than **I** have!

**I'LL** show you!

What.....?



Hi, boy!

GEORGE! WHAT ARE YOU DOING DOWN THERE?

Never mind, never mind!

What's THIS?

There's **ONE** way to FIND OUT!

I just don't....

**DOGS** have fur coats, but **YOU DON'T, HAH!**

**GEORGE!**

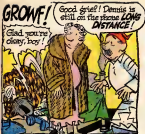
Like it?

Oh, it's **BEAUTIFUL!**

Yeah... pretty nice.

I'm the **LUCKIEST GIRL** in the world!

Oh, for heaven's sake, Martha! Cut it out!



HE WHAT?! HE WANTED  
TO TALK  
TO HIS  
DOG?!

We'd better hang up now, Henry.  
What with one thing and another  
--- we've been on the phone  
about **HALF AN HOUR!**

You've been on the phone **HALF AN HOUR? LONG DISTANCE?**

Well, gee ---  
we an **RUFF**  
had a lot to  
**TALK ABOUT!**

That call  
cost a lot  
of **MONEY**  
--- and  
it's on  
Grandpa's  
**BILL!**

What's going  
on, kids?

Oh, Dennis called his  
**DOG** at the Wilsons'  
--- talked to him about  
half an hour!

Well, I'll  
have to send  
him the  
bill for  
**THAT!**

We're just  
lucky he  
didn't call  
**HONG KONG!**

Who's  
**HE**,  
Grandpa  
--- a  
**FRIEND**  
of  
yours?

Oh, yes ---  
a very  
**GOOD**  
friend!



Well! Looks like Santa got here after all, eh, Dennis?

DAD bought that tie for you-- but don't let on! He still believes in Santa Claus!

THIS'LL get 'em in there.

Oh, how lovely!



Here's something you overlooked, Dennis. Although maybe I shouldn't let you have it!

What IS it, Dad? What?



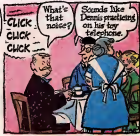
It's to teach you how to dial a telephone --- but I guess YOU don't need it!

SURE I do, Dad! It's KEEN!



Well, let's see if Hilda has breakfast for us!

THAT'S what you could have got me for Christmas... of a COOK?



CLICK  
CLICK  
CLICK

What's that noise?

Sounds like Dennis practicing on his toy telephone.

I like to practice on **GRAMP'S** phone better! It gets **ANYBODY**... **ANYPLACE**... without no operator!

I'll dial 'bout a **MILLION** numbers an' see who I get! I got **LOTSA** money in my piggy bank!

唔係咁容易

Hah?

What's that? Speak English!

Ah, so! Spiking welly good English!

This is Dennis Mitchell!  
Merry Christmas!

Merry Christmas? Some mistake! Christmas **TOMORROW** in Hong Kong!

HONG KONG?! Say, my Grampa was just TALKIN' bout you!

Ah, so?

All right, Dennis ---stop trying to kid us with that toy telephone!

OH, NO!

Yeah! We're visitin' my Grampa in Bethlehem ---that's in Pennsylvania!

Ah, so!

Dennis! Who are you talking to NOW?

I dunno ---ya get some funny people when you turn LOTS an' LOTS a holes!

Lots and LOTS of holes?

Yeah--- I got lotsa money in my piggy bank! Listen to this guy --- he talks FUNNY!

HONG KONG!?





DEAR SANTA:  
THANKS A LOT  
FOR EVERYTHIN  
G. SEE YOU NEXT  
YEAR! I MEAN  
--YOU COME  
SEE ME NEXT  
YEAR! OKAY?  
X X X X X LOVE  
DENNIS  
(KEEP GOOD  
AND WARM UP THERE AT  
THE NORTH POLE!!!)



MERRY  
CHRISTMAS!  
AND A  
HAPPY  
NEW  
YEAR!

XXXXXX

DENNIS

